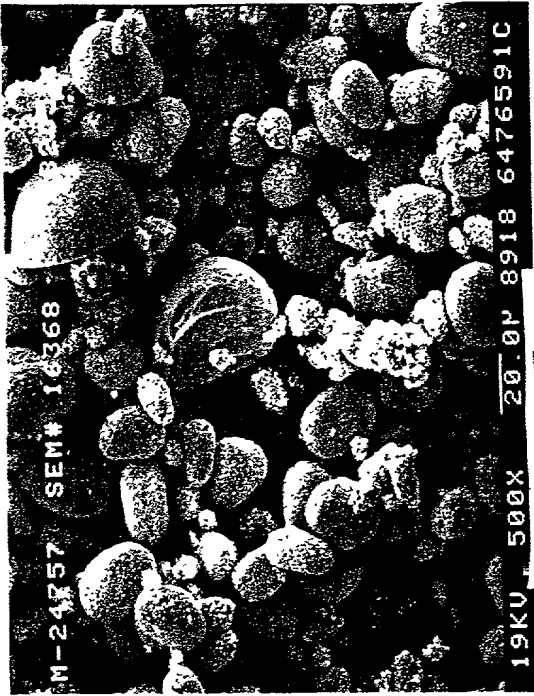
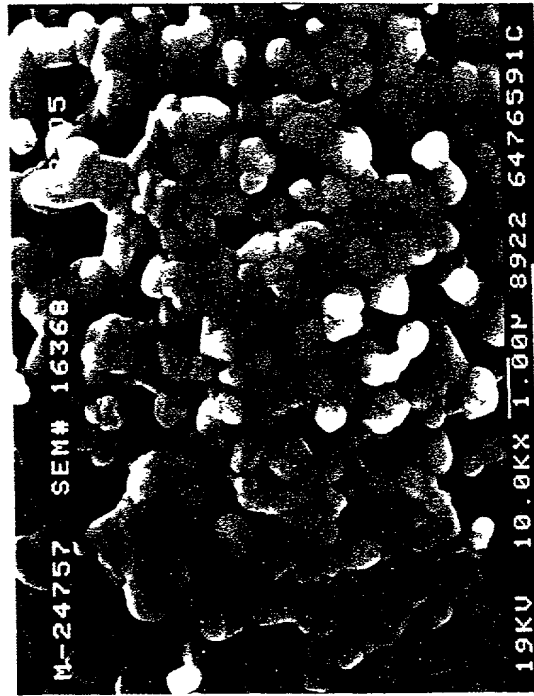


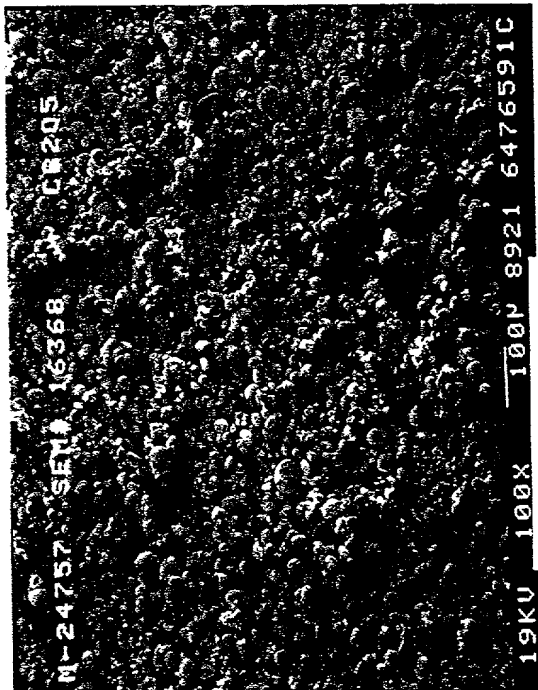
FIG. 1



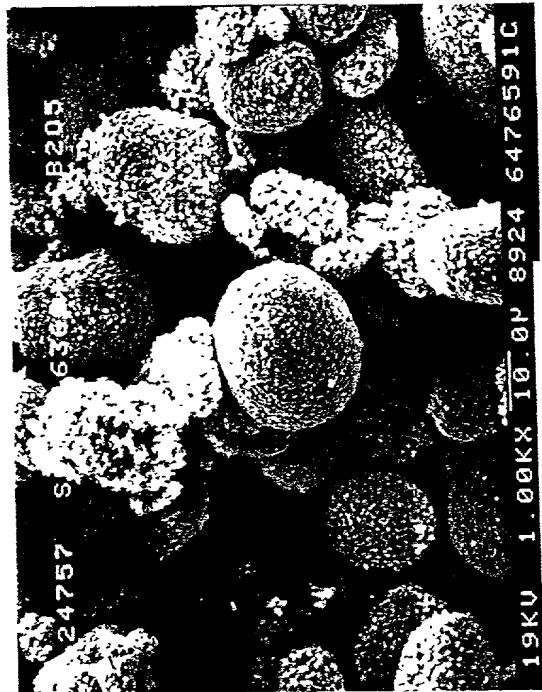
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FIG. 2b



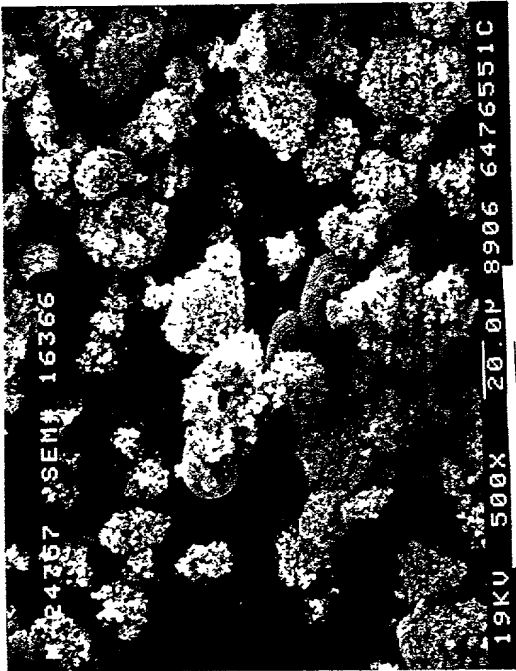
X10,000
FIG. 2d



X100
FIG. 2a

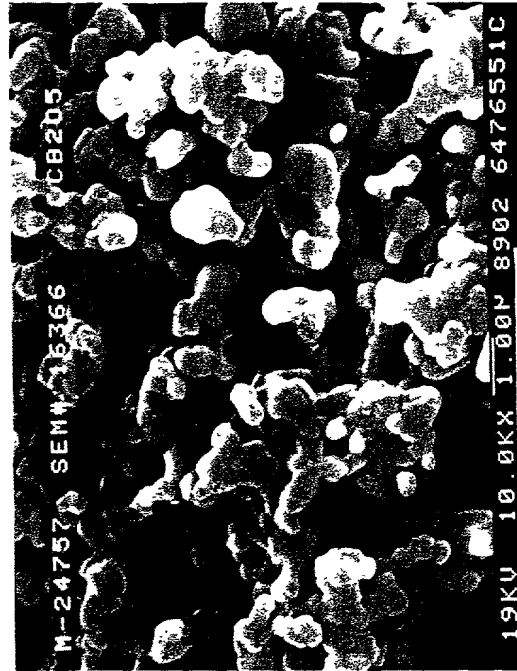


X1,000
FIG. 2c



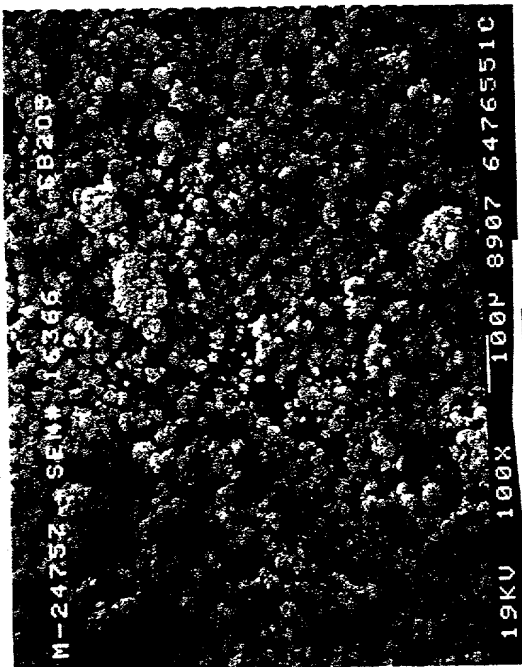
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FIG. 3b



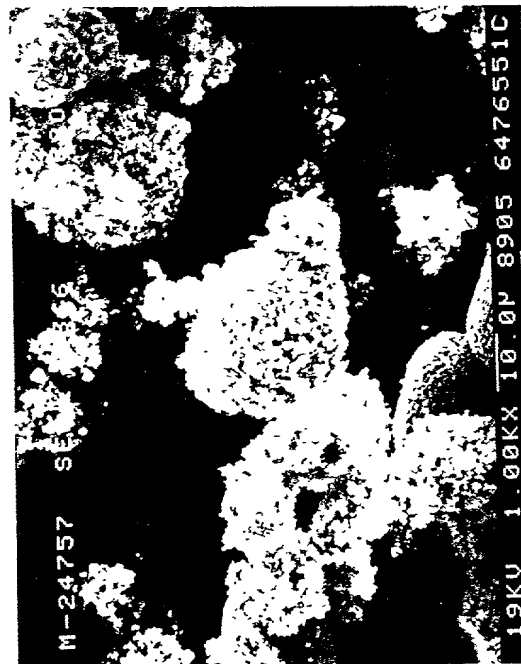
X10,000 1 μm

FIG. 3d



X100 100 μm

FIG. 3a



X4,000 10 μm

FIG. 3c

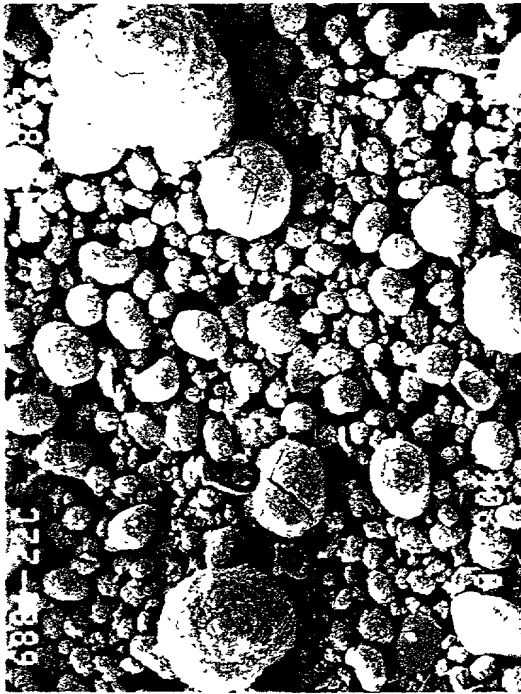


FIG. 4b



FIG. 4d

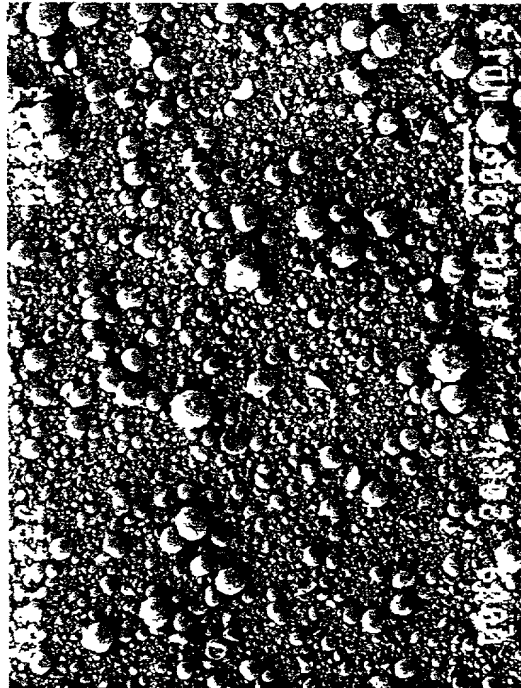


FIG. 4a



FIG. 4c

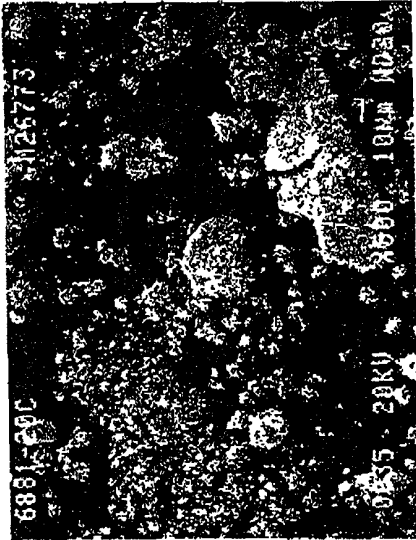


FIG. 5b



FIG. 5d

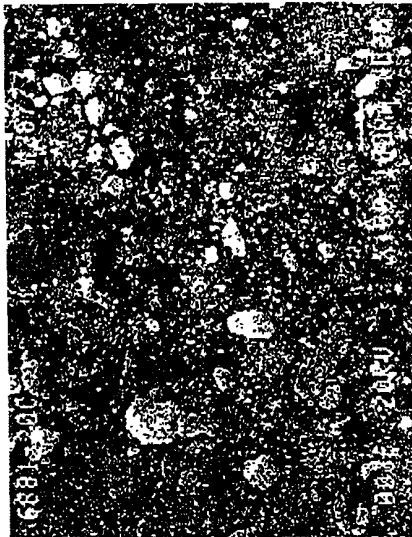


FIG. 5a

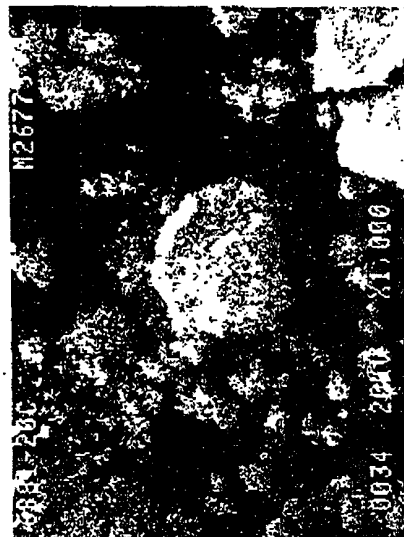


FIG. 5c

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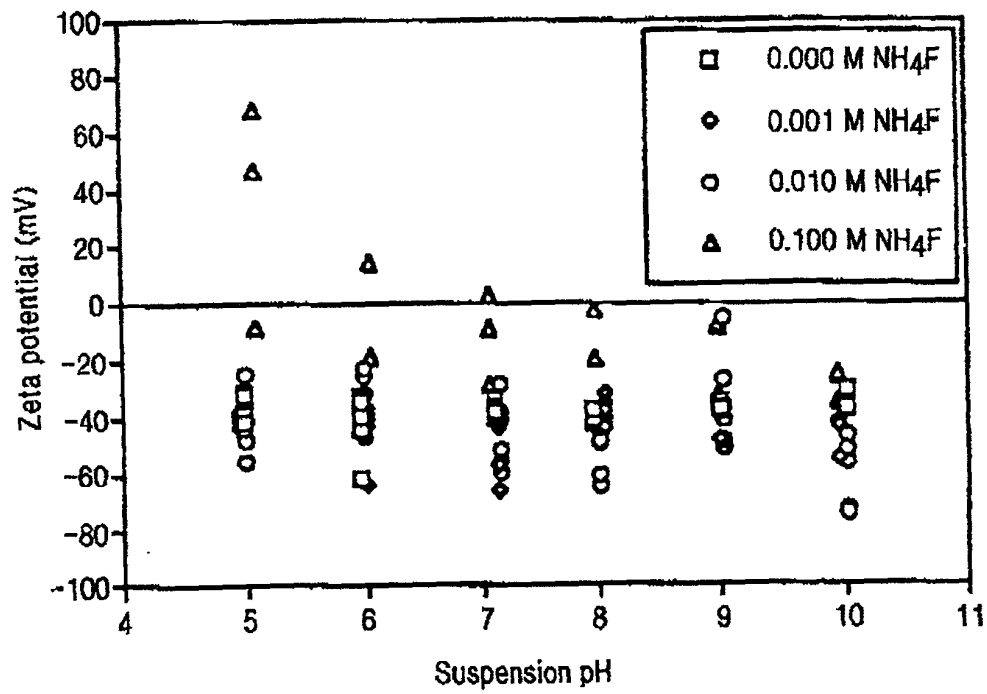


FIG. 6

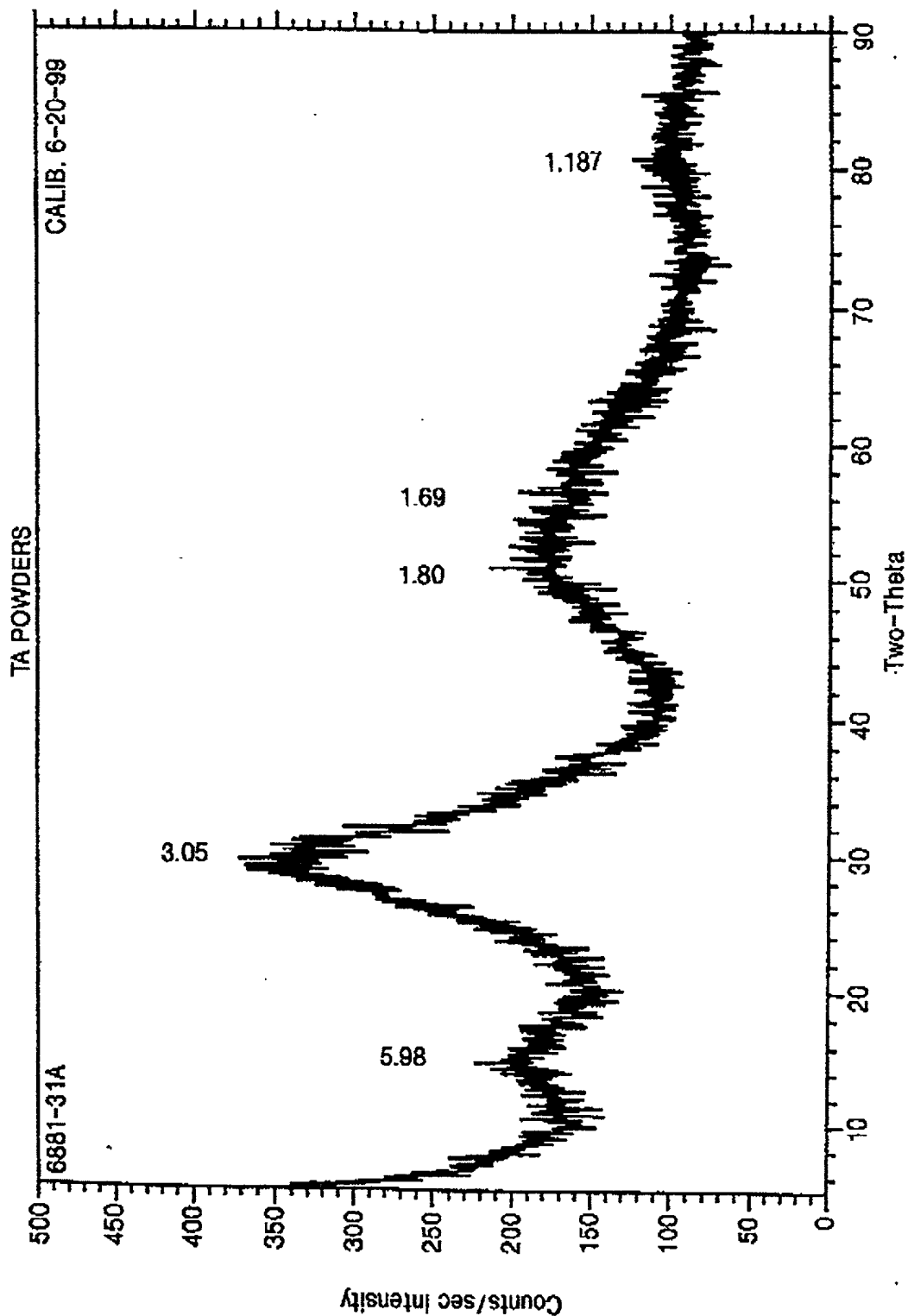


FIG. 7